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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Advisory Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 22, 2004, in the above-identified application. Enclosed please find an Appeal Brief, in triplicate, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.192(c). The Appeal Brief is being submitted because the only rejection remaining is identical to the rejection previously appealed. Applicants respectfully submit that no argument is made for separate patentability of any claim. Claims 1-3 and 5 stand or fall together.

Because the Examiner reopened prosecution after Applicants filed their Appeal Brief, but prior to a decision on the merits by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the fee paid for the Appeal Brief on December 22, 2003, should now be applied to the instant Appeal Brief (see MPEP 1208.02). Therefore, no fees are believed to be due.

However, if any fees are due, the Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) to Deposit Account 50-2285.

Respectfully submitted,

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